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# SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR §§§ 1.56, 1.97 AND 1.98

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR § 1.56, Applicant submits this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement pursuant to 37 CFR §§ 1.97 and 1.98 in the above-identified application for consideration by the Patent Office.

A listing of the cited documents is also enclosed, as well as, for the Examiner's convenience, copies of the documents in the list.

Applicants submit that, pursuant to CFR § 1.98(e)(1), the cited reference was first cited against the corresponding Australian Patent Application on November 13, 2003, no more than three (3) months prior to the filing of the present Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement. Because this reference is being filed within three (3) months of receipt of the enclosed, no fee is believed to be due.

Applicant does not intend to represent that any of the documents submitted herein are material prior art to this invention or that the list represents an exhaustive search of documents related to this invention.

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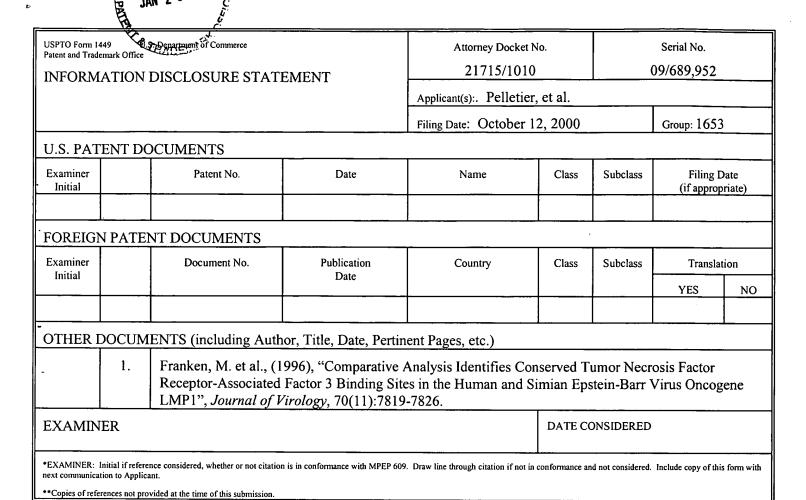
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Applicant respectfully requests that the documents submitted herein be considered and made of record in this application.

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Enclosed for filing in the above-identified patent application, please find the following documents:

- 1. Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement;
- 2. Form PTO-1449;
- Copies of Cited References; and 3.
- 4. Return Post Card.

The Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge any fees to Deposit Account No. 16-0085, Reference 21715/1010. A duplicate of this transmittal letter is enclosed for this purpose.

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